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BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	6.20 p.m.	8.7 a.m.
Wednesday	6.22 p.m.	8.6 a.m.
Thursday	6.24 p.m.	8.4 a.m.
Friday	6.25 p.m.	8.3 a.m.
Saturday	6.27 p.m.	8.1 a.m.
Sunday	6.29 p.m.	8.0 a.m.
Monday	6.31 p.m.	7.58 a.m.

LOW LEVEL ATTACK

SHOPS HOUSES AND HOTELS DAMAGED

FOUR KILLED IN SOUTH EAST COAST TOWN

Shops, boarding houses, hotels and private residences were among premises damaged when a south-east coast town was attacked by German raiders on Saturday morning.

The raid was made by four fighter-bombers, believed to be F.W.190's, which dived low out of the clouds. Damage to property was severe but the casualty list was comparatively light, four people losing their lives.

Mr. William Robert Noble and his wife, Mrs. Blanche Noble, aged 62, were among those killed. Mr. and Mrs. Noble were married only in June last year, Mrs. Noble being the widow of an ex-Mayor.

In the adjoining house Mr. Reginald Augustus Lambert, aged 56, and his 15-year-old daughter, Sybil, lost their lives.

The body of Mrs. Noble was recovered soon after the bombs had fallen but it was not until Sunday afternoon that her husband's body was found.

Mr. Noble was found near the front of the house and it is thought that he might have been about to cross the road to his garage when the front of the house collapsed on him.

Rescue squads worked tirelessly but were handicapped by not knowing where Mr. Noble was when the bomb fell. They naturally assumed that Mr. Noble was inside the house but the position of the body indicates that he was out, or on his way out.

Mrs. Charlotte Lambert, aged 41, who was in the adjoining house with her husband and daughter, was injured but was quickly rescued and taken to hospital.

Bouncing Bomb.

Before it wrecked a house one bomb travelled quite a distance. It went through the side wall of an empty shop, passed through a communicating wall and the front door into the street. It then apparently crossed the road, passed through another empty shop before exploding at the back of a house, which collapsed.

Standing in the street, quite close to the path of the bomb, was Mr. W. E. Shotter.

Mr. Shotter afterwards said "I felt something whizz past me. I remarked to someone beside me 'What was that?' I had hardly said it before I knew what it was."

Although glass fell all round him, Mr. Shotter sustained only slight cuts.

The blast of the bomb blew Mrs. Mitchell out of bed, but she was unhurt. In a nearby house Mrs. Ethel Maud Stanton, aged 62, was injured and taken to hospital.

Wife of Mr. F. W. Twyman, of the National Fire Service, Mrs. Ellen Twyman, and her daughter Gladys, aged 16, experienced remarkable escapes.

Shortly before the raid Mr. Twyman had left to go on duty. A bomb demolished the house next door, and when his house collapsed his wife and daughter were buried in the debris. Hearing the bomb falling, Mrs. Twyman, who was in the kitchen, dived under the table. Debris fell all round her and she suffered severe cuts to the face and arms. Mrs. Twyman managed to crawl through to her son's workshop and reached the street, where she shouted for help.

Floor Collapsed.

As Gladys, who was in an upstairs bedroom, was getting ready to come down to breakfast, the floor collapsed. Although buried by debris, she was quickly rescued by workmen. She was cut and bruised.

The home of Mr. Frank Woolley, former Kent and England cricketer, was damaged, but Mr. Woolley had not been in residence there for some time. Windows and doors of a Baptist church were damaged by blast.

Although the ceiling collapsed, windows came in, and cooking utensils were hurled across the room, Mrs. S. Everett, who was in the kitchen above her husband's shop, was unhurt.

While away at Wallasey in 1941, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Allen and their daughter were injured in a raid and their home was twice damaged. On Saturday the ceilings at their home collapsed, doors were blown off and windows broken. Mrs. Allen was thrown to the ground but none of the members of the household was hurt.

NEW COUNCILLOR

ELECTED AT BROADSTAIRS

Mr. Albert Thomas Tucker, newsagent and grocer, of 5 Northdown-road, St. Peter's, has been elected a member of Broadstairs and St. Peter's Urban District Council to fill the vacancy in the representation of the Kingsgate Ward caused by the resignation, owing to ill-health, of Mr. A. A. Nobbs.

The recommendation to appoint Mr. Tucker, made by Council in committee, was approved at the monthly meeting of the Council at Pierremont Hall on Monday.

Other nominations for the vacancy were Mr. Frederick Arthur John Thomas Miles, of Caswallon, Northdown-hill, Civil Defence Worker (Head Fire Guard) and Mr. Frederick B. Salt, of Sancot, Waldron-road, cinema proprietor.

Councillor Tucker, who is Worshipful Master of the Broadstow Lodge of Freemasons, has taken a prominent part in connection with the activities of the Brighter Broadstairs League.

PROPOSED INCREASE

ENTERTAINMENTS MANAGER'S SALARY

A recommendation of the Sands and Entertainments Committee that the salary of the Entertainments Manager (Mr. R. J. Costerton) should be increased by £50 a year will be considered by Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday.

The report of the committee states:

"The committee have had under consideration the salary of the Sands and Entertainments Manager, which is at present £500 per annum, fixed by the Council in 1926. While the normal work of the manager has been automatically curtailed owing to war conditions, the Council are reminded that he has, since the outbreak of war, undertaken war-time duties associated with matters for which the Council are responsible, viz.: billeting and evacuation, custody of vacant properties, notification of civilian casualties. These duties have on occasions made extraordinary demands upon Mr. Costerton, involving abnormal hours of work. Having regard to these facts, and to Mr. Costerton's length of service, the committee recommend that Mr. Costerton's salary be increased by £50 per annum as from 1st January, 1943."

HORSES ARE CHEAPER

BROADSTAIRS REFUSE COLLECTION

An experiment carried out at Broadstairs has shown that in certain parts of the district it is cheaper to collect refuse by horse and cart than by lorry.

The experiment was carried out by the Surveyor (Mr. S. W. Richardson) at the request of Broadstairs Council and the result showed that the cost per ton for collection with horse-drawn vehicle was 15s. 10d., compared with £1 2s. 5d. by lorry.

The cost of collection by horse-drawn vehicle has since been increased by 8d. a ton as Messrs. Haskings are unable to supply a driver.

The Surveyor has been authorised to continue using the horse-drawn vehicle and to hire a horse from Messrs. Haskings for the sum of £3 a week.

BOB GALE SAFE

DANCE BAND LEADER A PRISONER

His many friends in Thanet will be pleased to learn that L/Br. Robert Arthur Gale, Royal Field Artillery, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gale, of 11 Rectory-road, Broadstairs, who was posted as missing in Malaya since 7th January last year, is safe, although a prisoner of war.

Mrs. Gale received the glad news by telegram from Bob's wife, formerly Miss M. Price, who is living with their young daughter at Stratford-on-Avon.

An old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, where he was at one time school captain, Bob Gale was employed on leaving school by a firm of estate agents and later by an insurance company, but he will be better remembered as a dance band leader and composer.

Joining the Army in September, 1940, he went abroad a year later, taking his guitar with him. He provided many camp concerts and while bound for the Far East broadcast from South Africa.

£300,000

THANET'S WINGS FOR VICTORY TARGET

During their "Wings for Victory" Weeks the suggested target for the three Thanet towns of Ramsgate, Margate and Broadstairs is £300,000, which will provide one squadron of Mosquito bombers at £20,000 each, and one squadron of Hawker Typhoon fighters at £5,000 each.

At a joint meeting of representatives of the Savings Committees of the three towns it was suggested that Ramsgate and Margate should each aim at raising £125,000 and Broadstairs £50,000.

An effort is to be made to secure the name "Thanet" for the squadrons.

Ramsgate Savings Committee, at a meeting presided over by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) at Clarendon House on Friday, agreed to the joint committee's suggested target.

The Assistant Town Clerk (Mr. W. E. C. Vincent) was appointed exhibition organiser for the week and members appointed to the exhibition committee were Alderman W. Hawkins, Rev. S. B. Green and Messrs. J. Morgan and T. B. H. Tisdell.

ARCTIC TRAPPER ANNIVERSARY

Two years ago to-morrow the gallant little ship H.M.T. 'Arctic Trapper was sunk by enemy action.

Two officers and 15 ratings were lost. Smn. Anthony McKeown, of Ramsgate, now serving in H.M.S. Europa, a survivor from the Arctic Trapper, writes to suggest that the people of Ramsgate who remember the explosion of the Trapper in shooting down enemy aircraft on the memorable 24th August, 1940, should visit Ramsgate Cemetery on behalf of all the survivors and place flowers on the graves of those of their comrades who lost their lives.

LOOK! NEW SOMETHING

WHAT?

First appearance in Ramsgate of a Coast Regiment Concert Party (about 14 talented artistes)

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Tickets—1/6, 1/- and 6d.—obtainable in advance from the organiser, Mr. F. J. Warden, 31 Norman Road, and 67 High Street, Messrs. Goulden and Wind and Rogers, High Street, or from any member of the 5th Ramsgate Troop.

Don't fail to hear this first-class show. Several members of this party have broadcast recently.

Doors open 6.15 p.m.

NEGLECTED HER CHILDREN

LEFT UNPROTECTED AT NIGHT

"I MUST HAVE BEEN MAD" —SAYS MOTHER

A young married woman who admitted that she left her four children alone in the house while she attended a party, and that she did not return home until 2.30 the following morning, appeared before the magistrates at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

The woman, Mrs. Louisa Verinda Abbott, of Montague-road, pleaded guilty to neglecting her four children, James, aged 6, Yvonne, age 5, Joyce, aged 2, and Carol Ann, aged 7 months, in a manner likely to cause them unnecessary suffering.

Mr. E. C. Allfree, who prosecuted on behalf of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, said defendant's husband was in the Army. She had been in the habit of going out almost every evening in the week from 7.30 p.m. until about 10.30 p.m. or later and leaving the children absolutely alone in the house. The youngest child was now, unfortunately, dead.

On the evening of 30th December, continued Mr. Allfree, defendant left the four children to attend a party. She left the three elder children in an Anderson shelter in the garden and the youngest entirely alone in the house. She did not return from the party until 2.30 the following morning. During that night the youngest child died. The Coroner ordered a post-mortem examination. The post-mortem examination did not disclose anything beyond the fact that the child died from natural causes, probably convulsions, but it showed that she was suffering from septic sores on the lower part of her body. These sores might have caused the child a certain amount of suffering and she might have been screaming for hours with no one to attend her.

A Bad Case.

Mr. Allfree said it was a bad case and he suggested it should be dealt with with some degree of severity. It might be hard for a mother to have to confine herself to her home every evening but if a woman had children she must consider her maternal duties before her own pleasure.

On most evenings for some months previously Mrs. Abbott had visited a public-house early in the evening and not returned until closing time. Not once had she taken the trouble to leave the children in charge of anyone else. They had been left unprotected and uncared for. It should be said for the mother that the house was in a satisfactory condition and the physical state of the three elder children was satisfactory. The condition of the youngest was not, but he did not know how far that was due to the mother's neglect.

Insptr. W. T. Matthews, N.S.P.C.C., said that following a complaint he visited the house on 4th January, when both parents, the husband being home on leave. He told them the reason for his visit and Mrs. Abbott said "Yes, that's correct. I am not going to leave the children any more." She added that it was because her husband did not want her to do so. He told her there was no reason why she should not sometimes leave her children if proper arrangements had been made to look after them. He pointed out the dangers of children being left alone and also that she had failed to come home and look after the children when the air raid warning sounded. Defendant admitted she had not done so.

Husband Agreed.

Insptr. Matthews said he asked the husband if he agreed with what he had been saying and he replied "Yes, entirely." The case had been brought before the society 13 months previously, when similar allegations were made.

D/S Fortescue said that on 12th January he took a statement from defendant in which she said she wanted to give an explanation of the false statement as to the time she arrived home about 10.30 p.m. The reason she said this was because she was afraid her husband would think she was unreasonable leave and get to know she had been out to a party and did not get home until 2.30 the following morning. She went out to the party at 8.30, leaving the three elder children in the Anderson shelter in the garden and Carol in her bedroom. She had made no arrangements for anyone to look after the children. She had left the children in similar circumstances many times before and had not returned until 10.30 p.m., and sometimes later.

"My children have not been neglected in any other way," the statement continued. "I realise now how foolish I have been. I have learned a lesson I shall never forget. I shall never leave them again."

Evenings Out.

A barmaid at a Ramsgate public-house said defendant visited the premises almost every evening during the 14 weeks she was employed there. Witness attended a party on the night of 30th December and defendant left at 2.15 the following morning.

Dr. J. V. Walker, Ramsgate Medical Officer of Health, said he was present when the post-mortem examination was made on the baby Carol. The child was somewhat undernourished and had a number of septic sores. It appeared that they had been neglected or had been in an unclean state.

Asked if she had anything to say, defendant replied "I can't say anything, only that I must have been mad. I did what I could to try and clean up the baby's sores. I have not neglected the children in any other way. I must have been out of my mind."

C/I Butcher said that two weeks previously defendant was fined 5s. for failing to send one of her children regularly to school.

Announcing the decision of the bench the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said the magistrates regarded it as a very serious case.

"You have admitted putting three children in an Anderson shelter and going out. It was like putting rabbits in a hutch and locking them up while you went out to enjoy yourself," he said.

The magistrates had considered whether they should send her to prison but in view of the fact that there were three children who needed a mother's love and care she would be placed on probation for 12 months under the supervision of Miss Robinson, probation officer.

Defendant promised the magistrates that she would look after the children properly.

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WESTGATE SOLDIER'S DEATH

Mr. and Mrs. F. Jefcoate, of 20 Dunstan-avenue, Westgate, have received news that their son, Pte. Ben Jefcoate, East Surrey Regiment, who was wounded in the Battle of El Alamein, has died of injuries received in the action.

He had been in Egypt for only two months.

Twenty-six years of age, Pte. Jefcoate joined the Army soon after the outbreak of war and for two years was stationed in Northern Ireland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jefcoate have four other sons, two in the services and two engaged on war work.

SHONE OUT TO SEA

At Ramsgate police court on Monday Miss Florence Bond, of 11 Granville-marina, was fined £2 for permitting a light to show from the house next door after black-out on the night of 25th January.

W/R Thornton, who saw the light at 3.45 a.m., said defendant told him she went into No. 10 the previous day and turned on the light as it was so dark. It was daylight at the time and she failed to notice the light when she left.

C/I Butcher said the light was visible out at sea.

When the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) announced the fine, defendant remarked "I think £2 is very hard on me."

Mr. Perry: That is our decision. We have got to protect our town.

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BROADSTAIRS LOSSES

COUNCIL SYMPATHY

Members and officials of Broadstairs Council on Monday stood for a few moments in silent tribute to the memory of two prominent townsmen who have passed away recently—Mr. S. Nash and Dr. A. M. Watts.

The Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) said that for some time Mr. Nash was a member of the Council and was a former Chairman. For many year since leaving the Council he had been connected with very many good causes related to the town's affairs. They deeply regretted his passing.

Dr. Watts, said Councillor Pearson, was a very loyal servant of the Council and for over 20 years was Medical Officer for the town and for the No. 1 United Districts.

"I am sure that in both cases," continued the Chairman, "you would like a letter sent to the relatives expressing not only our sympathy at their passing but also appreciation of the services both these gentlemen rendered to the town while they were here."

WESTGATE FIREMAN'S DEATH

A fireman's helmet, axe and belt rested on the coffin when the funeral took place at Margate Cemetery on Thursday of Mr. Alfred John Whitnall, of 2 Irene-terrace, Reculvers-road, Westgate, a member of Westgate Fire Brigade for 30 years.

Fifty-nine years of age, Mr. Whitnall was a native of Westgate. He joined The Buffs in 1900, serving in the South African War. He was recalled to the colours during the last war and was wounded in France.

Mr. Whitnall joined Westgate Fire Brigade in 1910 and served in a voluntary capacity until 1940. From then until the time of his death he was a full-time member of the brigade.

Chief mourners at the funeral were Mrs. Whitnall (widow), Mr. H. Whitnall (brother), Mr. F. Edmed and Mr. Osborne.

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	Brooklyn Orchid	U	William Bendix, Joe Sawyer
Sunday Feb. 14th for 1 day	ROAD SHOW	U	Adolphe Menjou, John Hubbard
	Tanks a Million	U	William Tracy, James Gleason
Monday Feb. 15th for 3 days	THE PIED PIPER	U	Monty Woolley, Anne Baxter, Roddy McDowell
	Halfway to Shanghai	A	Irene Hervey, Kent Taylor
Thursday Feb. 18th for 3 days	SHE GOT HER MAN	U	Ann Sothern, Red Skelton
	WILDCAT	U	Richard Arlen, Arline Judge
Sunday Feb. 21st for 1 day	ISLAND OF DOOMED MEN	A	Peter Lorre, Rochelle Hudson
	King Solomon's Mines	U	Paul Robeson
Monday Feb. 22nd for 3 days	THE MAGNIFICENT DOPE	U	Henry Fonda, Lynn Bari, Don Ameche
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Thursday Feb. 25th for 3 days	THE GLASS KEY	A	Brian Donlevy, Veronica Lake
	Mexican Spitfire Sees a Ghost	U	Lupe Velez, Leon Errol
Sunday Feb. 28th for 1 day	HONEYMOON FOR THREE	A	Ann Sheridan, George Brent
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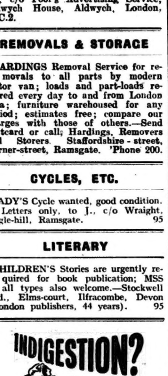

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WOMAN'S ECCENTRICITIES

DEATH IN DECK CHAIR

The Acting Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) held an inquest at Margate on Thursday into the circumstances surrounding the death of Miss Rosina Elizabeth MacCarthy, of Roseda, Northdown-road.

Miss MacCarthy, who was about 68 years of age, was found dead in a deck chair near the gas stove in the kitchen of her home on Tuesday morning. The discovery was made by a milkman.

Gas was escaping from a gas poker, which was lying on the gas stove.

The gas tap was loose and was within reach of Miss MacCarthy as she was sitting in the chair.

Mr. Archibald John Vicary, of Cornwall-gardens, Margate, bank manager, who gave evidence of identification, said as far as he knew Miss MacCarthy was a single woman. He did not know of any relatives. She had been a customer of his bank for 11 or 12 years.

The Coroner: Was she rather eccentric?

Witness: I should not think you could call her quite normal.

Mr. Vicary added that for several years she had lived alone and was not in want of money.

Dr. Walter Groome, police surgeon, said at about 11 a.m. on Tuesday he was called to Roseda and saw Miss MacCarthy reclining in a deck chair quite close to a gas oven. She had probably been dead eight hours. There were no external marks of violence beyond a slight bruise on the left arm. Death was due to asphyxia caused by slow gas poisoning.

Had Grievances.

Asked by the Coroner if there was anything else he could say, witness said "I saw the lady about 12th December, 1941, when I was asked whether she was certifiable or not under the Lunacy Act. The conversation I had with her indicated that she was certainly not certifiable. She appeared to have grievances about some of her acquaintances who she told me had treated her very badly—people to whom she had lent money, and I believe, also to whom she had given a motor car, and other people whose rates she had paid—and she appeared very greatly distressed. She was quite a nice woman and I don't think the grievances were imaginary. She was somewhat of a Bohemian sort of woman, rather erratic and eccentric in her ways."

Dr. Groome said Miss MacCarthy was not of a robust nature. Having regard to the condition of the liver there was not much doubt about her trouble. He was sure she suffered from chronic alcoholism, more or less.

In further reply to the Coroner, the doctor said Miss MacCarthy was in such a position that it was quite feasible that she might have turned the gas on unintentionally. "If she were in an inebriated condition it would account for the whole thing," he went on, "but there is no evidence of that except the few empty bottles there and some full ones. Generally speaking, people who commit suicide in similar circumstances put their head in the oven. In this case the gas stove was a good way from her."

Arthur Amos, of Fitzroy-avenue, Margate, a milk roundsman, gave evidence of finding Miss MacCarthy's body when he went to deliver half a pint of milk. He found the tap of the gas poker was on. It was very loose and he turned it off. The gas poker was lying on the gas oven. There were several beer or stout bottles by the side of the chair.

The Coroner said at first it looked like a deliberate case of gas poisoning but he had found nothing to indicate that deceased contemplated taking her life. The gas tap was exceedingly loose and he was of the opinion that it was turned on accidentally.

Mr. Robinson returned a verdict of "Accidental Death."

THE CHILDREN DID WELL

Tribute to the part which the schoolchildren played in connection with the book recovery fortnight at Ramsgate was paid by Councillor P. Turner at Wednesday's meeting of Ramsgate Education Committee.

Councillor Turner said he wished to thank the head teachers, the teachers and the children on the success of their efforts. The fact that the target was well exceeded was due in large measure to the schools, who rose nobly to the occasion. They did a really fine job of work.

KILLED IN MIDDLE EAST

Mr. and Mrs. George Mills, formerly of Thanet-road, Margate, now living at Guildford, have received news that their son, L/Sgt. Leonard C. Mills, passed away the day after he was wounded while fighting with the Eighth Army in the Middle East.

Sgt. Mills, a signalling instructor in the Royal Artillery, was 28 years of age. He attended New Cross-street School and joined the Army in 1932. He served in India for four years and was placed on the reserve in 1938.

On the outbreak of war Sgt. Mills was recalled and was drafted to France, being evacuated from Dunkirk.

His younger brother, Leslie, who also was evacuated from Dunkirk, is serving with The Buffs in India.

THIS WEEK'S COMPLETE STORY

DID HE INVENT IT?

By

ANTHONY SKENE

"You one of those people who don't wear a hat?"

I was sitting on a park bench, as I always do after lunch, and this stocky, rough-looking fellow had taken a seat beside me. I did not object to that—the seats are free and anybody has a right to use them—but I do object to personal remarks. I daresay I let him see it.

But he just had to talk.

"I don't ever take off my hat in public," he volunteered. "I got something what makes people ask questions, and when I tell 'em how I got like what I am they think I'm a liar."

He waited for me to invite him to go on. I did nothing of the sort. I didn't like the man. But he went on just the same.

"People ought to know," he said. "They did ought to know. If I was to tell 'em that a lot of chinks or niggers or something was being mobilised to wipe 'em out, and I'd got proof like what I have, they'd listen: make a 'ero of me like as not. But just because it's far-fetched, as you might say, they think I'm batty."

He pulled his hat off. "See them scars? Perhaps you'll tell me 'ow I got 'em. If you can't tell me, well then, I'll tell you."

Those scars of his were mysterious, I had to admit. They were each about two inches long, beginning above the brows and running up into the hair-line. From their width and definition they had been serious scalp wounds. I muttered something sympathetic.

"And that ain't all," he persisted, with gratification. "Look at the back."

He bent forward until his face was almost upon his knees. He had edged forward along the seat and I did succeed in making out similar scars about where the back edge of a hat would go.

"Well, there you are," he said, red from the effort of bending. "Them there scars takes a bit of explaining away, I should think."

He leaned back and looked at me. "Ever been in Africa?"

"I was in Tangiers once, for an hour or so."

"Ah. I was in Nigeria for twenty years. For my sins. Be there now, I daresay, except for what I went through. After that——" He made a theatrical gesture—"done for!"

"Yes, that's what I was: done for. No nerve for nothing. And they did used to call me *tarka*. Know what that means? The lion.

"Yes, the lion. But I reckon nobody wouldn't be fit for much after that."

He brooded for a long time then burst out:

"Spiders. Big as meat plates. Clawrin' on to yer. Eh?"

"Pardon me," I put in, "did you say spiders?"

I really wasn't sure. He had mouthed the word so that only the vowel sounds were distinct.

". . . wanted to know how many legs they had," he went on, not heeding me. "I didn't know how many legs they had. Might be four, might be six. Eyes like apes and fur like a kitten. That's all I know.

"Yes, I know I saw 'em. Four days and four nights I saw 'em. It don't matter that I was practically insane. They don't take no account of that. As often as not there was blood in my eyes from where the thing was digging his claws in. Well, I never noticed how many legs they had!

"I was after elephant when it happened. Hit a big bull and he run for it. I'd been after this bull for four days. Knew he was hit because we'd see blood now and then where he'd stopped for a rest. I knew he was bad, too: it was a wonder he lasted so long. 'That elephant he lib for die,' I says. 'Plenty quick,' I says. Thinkin' my boy'd be pleased.

"But he wasn't. No, that he wasn't. He was all for getting back and letting the elephant go.

"'Plenty baboon!' he tells me.

"'Baboon? You no afraid baboon!'

"I knew he wasn't. Not that baboons ain't dangerous. I seen baboons kill a leopard and leopards is the worst thing in Africa. Only if you let the baboons alone they'll let you alone, see?

"He says 'Dem baboons got dem t'ing on head all same king!'

"Crowns. That's what he meant. It wasn't the first time I'd heard about these 'ere crowned apes. And when you hear a tale like that, there's generally **some** truth in it. Course, I knew they hadn't got gold crowns on their heads, but I reckoned they'd got something or other.

"I was laughing at him for being frightened, till I see the things. Took my breath away, it did. Musta been a thousand of 'em. And they wasn't comin' the way you'd expect—in a herd—but opened out, like soldiers, I forget what they call it."

"Skirmishing order," I suggested.

"Ah, that's it! Skirmishing order. That's how they come. And I see then that that was right what my boy said, that they got things on their heads. Not so much like crowns they didn't look. More like twigs.

"And some of them was carrying sticks. That was a funny thing, that was; because you never see a monkey with a stick. Well, I never did.

"I didn't stay to stare, I can tell you. The only thing to do with baboons is to run. They can't go downhill: not very well, they can't; and if you can find a downslope you stand a chance. I knocked one of 'em all to bits with a bullet from the elephant gun, then I dropped the gun and scooted. Ah. I did. And I **could** run in them days. I bet I lowered a record or two.

"But they got me. I had pretty near run myself out when I tripped over a root or something. I don't know now whether I banged my head on a tree or whether one of them baboons hit me, but I went out sure enough. Last thing I knew I was rolling with the baboons coming plomp—plomp on top of me. Then, bing! I was a goner.

"When I come round I'd got a spider—biggest you ever see—stuck on the top of my head.

"Yes, and that's what the baboons had. That's what their crowns were: **spiders, riding 'em like horses!**

"Course, I didn't know it was a spider—just something tightening my scalp, and hurting like half a dozen toothaches all going at once—and the first thing I did after I sat up was to reach to feel my head.

"My God! I tried that twice, and then I never tried it no more. Pain! I don't know whether those things were poisonous or whether they could give an electric shock, like some fish you read about, but they could give you whatfor. That pain they could give you would blot out your senses like a punch under the jaw.

"And they knew when to do it. That was the first thing I found out: that I wasn't to raise my hands to my head. I found out plenty of other things. These spider had got a very short way with you. If you did anything they didn't like they'd turn on the juice, or if they wanted you to do something they'd let you have it like a nagging toothache until you found out what they wanted. Trial and error like.

"And there I was, bitten in half a dozen places by the baboons and no iodine nor nothing, and a spider or whatever it was hooked into my head. You don't believe that? Well, why should you? It ain't reasonable: a human being a slave to a lot of spiders. Course it ain't.

"Well, what would you a' done? Eh? Suppose you smacked the spider off quick before he could give you the works, what good would that be? The others'd set the baboons at you. Mind you, they'd got them baboons broke in to rights. More'n likely they bred 'em for the purpose. They had me broke in, too."

He became incoherent and I think he forgot me.

". . . lookin' at anybody as if they were freaks in a show . . . and them bites: septic most likely . . . And then did they 'ave six legs? How do I know how many legs they 'ad? P'raps they wasn't spiders. P'raps I dreamed 'em."

He suddenly plucked off his hat and whacked at his scars.

"Did I dream these?" he shouted. And then, seeing that I didn't like his violence, "All right. All right. Only when people ask fool questions . . .

"That's how things were," he resumed more quietly, "for four days. And in them four days I musta covered eighty miles. More, I should thing. Not that they was moving forward at that rate. They **was** moving forward, but very slow, sort of consolidating. Only they sent me along the lines. I was their first man."

"Do you mean," I questioned, half ashamed to be taking him seriously, "that these spiders, or whatever they were—advancing on an eighty-mile front?"

"I saw eighty miles of it. Might have been eight hundred altogether. I don't know."

"Advancing against what?"

"I don't know. How should I know? Everything. Just taking possession."

"And how did you escape?"

"Me?" He laughed. "Found myself on a bluff. Water underneath. Didn't know whether it was deep or not. Didn't care. Jumped for it. About ninety feet. Near drowned. Hippo took a snap at me. Any amount of hippos around there. Well, I was lucky. Or I thought I was lucky. Then everybody started calling me a liar."

He looked at me reflectively.

"You're not such a fool as some of 'em."

I doubt whether I deserved the compliment. His story was **unthinkable**. I did not believe it. I never will believe it. All the same . . . I can't for the life of me imagine any means by which a man could get four similar scars—two at the front and two at the back of his head.

"Well. Got to 'op it."

He got up and lumbered away, stocky, stodgy and, yes, definitely unimaginative.

He didn't invent the story: you had only to look at him to know that.

But if he didn't invent it—

It couldn't be **true**.

The End

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

MIDLAND BANK LTD.

The Rt. Hon. R. McKenna, in a statement to the shareholders of the Midland Bank Ltd., says it is not always recognised that the banks are in essence a labour-saving device, with the added advantage of guaranteeing security. The old notion that they existed to provide a luxury service for the rich man should have been buried long ago. A recent striking example of labour-saving is provided by the new service undertaken by the banks under the clothes rationing scheme. Beyond the retail stage, all transfers of coupons and documents representing coupons are made through the banks; we ourselves have about 17,000 traders' coupon accounts and deal with 15 to 20 million coupons a week, apart from the transfer vouchers to which they give rise. The coupons themselves, once they have been counted by the retailer, paid into the bank and credited to his "coupon account," have served their purpose, and from that point all the retailer or the wholesaler need do is to draw "cheques" on his coupon account as he may require to replenish stocks. The banks undertake the necessary book-keeping entries and ensure that traders do not exceed what may be called their "coupon purchasing-power."

On the last two occasions of their annual meeting the conditions had been dark and foreboding. Though national resolution never flagged, the goal seemed far distant along a hard and tortuous road. To-day the picture was in less sombre colours, for they saw now in the events of the war many positive results of their labour and sacrifice in the period of defensive preparation. Although there was still much to do, the final victory seemed nearer in prospect and more firmly assured. Thus they went forward in good heart, ready for all further calls that might be made upon them for sacrifice and effort. Fortified by the certainty of triumph, their task was now to bring it to fulfilment with no more suffering and delay than the magnitude of the struggle inescapably demanded.

DESERT SONG REVIVAL

The most popular of all musical comedies, "The Desert Song," has been successfully revived at the Prince of Wales' Theatre, London, with Harry Welchman in his original rôle of the "Red Shadow."

Eleanor Fayre has made an outstanding success in the part of Margot, and others in the fine cast include Frederic Bentley and Sidney Pointer. Performances are twice daily.

CHAIN OF CLUES

Ramsgate Man Sent For Trial

HOUSEBREAKING CHARGES DENIED

A motor car registration number, footprints and fingerprints were among the chain of clues which led to the appearance at Margate police court of a Ramsgate man who was on Wednesday committed for trial at Margate Quarter Sessions on two housebreaking charges.

Defendant, Leonard Francis Smith, of Margate-road, Ramsgate, appeared on remand charged with breaking and entering Longford, Sea-road, Westgate, on 12th January, and stealing a pair of hair clippers, the property of James Frederick Hall.

Smith was further charged with breaking and entering the adjoining house, Norfolk House, Sea-road, on the same day, with intent to commit a felony.

Mr. A. R. Young represented the defendant.

James Frederick Hall, an aircraft inspector, of Rose-hill, Oxford, said before the war he lived at Longford and was in business as an outfitter and hairdresser in Station-road, Westgate. The business was closed on the outbreak of war and his hairdressing tools were placed in a cardboard box on a cupboard in the kitchen at Longford. He believed that the pair of clippers produced to him were his property, which he left at the house. When he visited Longford on 26th January a pair of clippers, a hair drier and a pair of electric clippers were missing. He had never known clippers to be sharpened, for the movement of them kept them sharp.

Drawers Disturbed.

Mrs. Fanny Pitt Hall, of Church End, Finchley, wife of the previous witness, said she left Longford on 19th June, 1940, when the house was closed. She last visited the place in November last, when everything was in order. The door of a room on the ground floor used by her husband was locked and she had the key. She visited the house on 16th January with police officers and found that the drawers in the room where her husband kept his clothes had been disturbed. A box containing the hairdressing tools was lying open on the kitchen table.

Miss Dorothy Violet Eileen Beck, of Cliff-road, Birchington, said she had held the key of Norfolk House, belonging to her sister-in-law, since June, 1940, and visited the premises from time to time. In the second week of January everything was secure. There were two rooms built on to the house but not communicating with the remainder of the premises.

W/R/C March said that at 2.50 p.m. on 12th January he was on cycle patrol in Sea-road, Westgate, and was rounding the bend near Longford when he noticed a saloon car standing by the side entrance to Norfolk House. A man crossed the path from Norfolk House, entered the car and drove off in the direction of Margate. Knowing the house to be furnished but unoccupied, his suspicions were aroused and he tried to overtake the car. Failing to do so, he took the number, JG 6939, and returned to Norfolk House, where he discovered that two fanlight windows and two casement windows in the annexe were open. After telephoning to the central police station he examined Longford and found that first-aid material on a ground floor window on the west side had been torn away. Looking into the rooms, he noticed that the door was open.

Denied Stopping.

D/S Presland said at 4 p.m. on 12th January he telephoned to the office of the Garrison Engineer at Minster and spoke to a man who said his name was Smith and that he was the owner of the car, number JG 6939. Asked if he was driving in Sea-road, Westgate, about 2.50 that afternoon, he replied "No. I was along there just after two." He was then asked if he stopped at Norfolk House, next to the West Cliff Hotel, and answered "No. I left Wellington House and went along Sea-road to go to Ross's yard." He added that he did not stop in Sea-road.

In company with D/C Wren, witness went to the annexe of Norfolk House, which consisted of two self-contained rooms, each with a door to the yard. Each had a metal-framed window, half of which opened out, the other half being a fixture, except for a fanlight at the top. The fanlight and casement windows of the room nearest the road were open and there were wet footmarks on the windowsill and on the floor of the room, which contained kitchen utensils and other household articles. There were marks on the framework of the fanlight where it had been prised open with some instrument. There were some finger impressions on the inside of one of the panes of glass in the fanlight.

The windows of the back room were ajar, said witness, and there were marks on the frame of the fanlight where it had been prised open. There were also finger impressions on the side of the glass and on the windowsill there was a wet heel impression with small round marks on the edge. Going next door to Longford, witness found a ground floor window from which first-aid material had been torn away. He entered through the window and found that the door leading into the house was open. There were small damp boot impressions on the floor and also all over the house.

Interview at Minster.

Witness then went to Minster to see defendant and asked him if he was sure he did not stop at Norfolk House and he said "No. I did not go there." Witness examined defendant's car, which was in a garage, and then asked to see the sole of his boot, the heel of which bore a similar pattern to the impression he had seen in Longford. He also examined his left hand and then told him that the pattern on the heel of his shoes was the same as the marks on the floor at Longford, while in his opinion finger impressions found on the window of Norfolk House were made by him.

Defendant then said "I will tell you what happened. As I was going along Sea-road I saw a tank chappy come out of the house and I went round to see if there was anyone there, as I knew it was not requisitioned property. At the side of the house I found the window with the first-aid material torn away and there was a pair of grey flannels just inside. I went into the house to see if there was anyone else inside, and I went all over it." Witness told him that house was Longford and asked him if he was sure he did not go next door to Norfolk House. He replied "No. I only went into the one."

They returned to defendant's office and on searching the pockets of his overcoat witness found two keys. Defendant said "We get hundreds of them handed to us by the military, otherwise they are charged 5s. 6d. for them." He said he did not know where they came from or to what place they belonged. In another pocket witness found a pair of hair clippers, which defendant said he had had for a long time and used at home. Asked why he was carrying them about, he said "I was going to try to find a military barber who would sharpen them."

Could Get No Farther.

At the police station witness again told defendant that he thought he made the finger impressions on the windows at Norfolk House, but he said "I did not go in there. I found the windows standing open and I went inside to see if anyone else was there. There was no communication to the house and as I could get no farther I came out. The room had kitchen utensils in it." Witness asked "Why didn't you tell me that when I first spoke to you?" and he replied "As it was a military affair I was going to report it to the quartermaster. As soon as I knew the police were making inquiries I thought it best not to have anything to do with it."

The next day witness removed two panes of glass from the windows of Norfolk House bearing finger impressions on the inside and took them to New Scotland Yard.

On 16th January he went to Longford with Mrs. Hall, and on learning that the door of the room which had been entered was originally locked, he tried one of the keys found in defendant's possession in the lock. It unlocked the door with ease.

D/S Godsell, of the fingerprint department, New Scotland Yard, said he made photographic enlargements of a mark on a pane of glass which he received from D/S Presland and also of the left ring finger impression on a fingerprint form signed by defendant. On each he found 16 ridge characteristics which were in agreement, and from his experience he had no doubt that they were the impressions of the same finger.

Stepped Over the Wall.

D/I Cory said he saw defendant at the detective office on the evening of 12th January and asked him why he first denied having entered the two houses. He replied "I thought I had done something wrong and did not want to get mixed up, so thought it best to know nothing about it." He admitted going all over Longford, adding "I don't really know why I went in. I thought perhaps there might be another there, or more than one, when I would have done my best to take them to the military. Not knowing which house the soldier came from, I stepped over the wall to the house next door and went round the side nearest to the West Cliff Hotel. There I found the ground floor casement window open. I went in, but could get no farther, so I came out and shut the window."

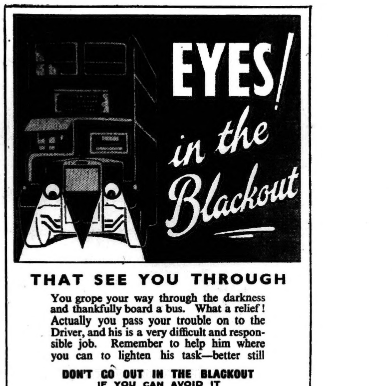
The following afternoon witness went to Westgate with defendant and D/S Presland and defendant pointed out to him the window of the annexe of Norfolk House through which he said he entered. The fanlight window, he said, was open and he said he left it in that position as it was stiff and he did not want to break the hinge pins. He said the window of the other room was shut and finding it secure he left it. He definitely did not open it. Noticing that a pane of glass was missing, defendant said "This glass was not out when I came round." Witness said "No. We have taken it out because we found some finger impressions on the inside. But if you did not open the window they will not be yours, will they?" Defendant said "Definitely not."

Difficult to Remember.

Witness told him it was desired to take his finger impressions for comparison if he had no objection. He said "Certainly not. Wait a moment, though. I must have opened the window and gone in, I think, because I remember seeing a hose pipe, and could not have done that with the window closed owing to the curtains being across." Witness told him that in that case he must have put his arm through the fanlight to unfasten the catch of the window. He said "I can't remember. You must realise that all this took place in a short time and it is difficult to remember all you do."

On 19th January witness again saw defendant in the detective office and asked him how long he had had the hair clippers which D/S Presland found in his possession. He replied "Soon after we were married. I have clipped my wife's hair with them a good many times." Asked where he got them from, he said "Good lor'. You know what it is. You see them in a shop and just go in and get them if you want them. I bought them new. I don't know where." When witness told him that one of the keys found in his possession fitted the lock on the door, he said "Very likely. I expect that key unlocks several doors. But I didn't unlock it." On being charged with breaking into Longford, defendant said "All I can say is to deny it, naturally." Charged later with breaking into Norfolk House, he said "Nothing to say at the moment."

Defendant reserved his defence and was committed for trial at Margate Quarter Sessions, to be held in April. He was allowed bail.



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GOING STRONG

THANET L.V. OFFICERS

An increase in membership during the year was reported at the annual meeting of the Isle of Thanet Licensed Retailers' Protection Society, held at the Woodman Inn, Ramsgate, on Thursday.

The annual report stated that membership had increased by nine and it was gratifying to know that 19 houses under management had also joined the society.

Meetings during the year had been well attended, especially by Ramsgate members, but the absence of Margate members was a matter of grave concern. While it was appreciated that licensees faced many difficulties owing to shortage of staff, Civil Defence duties, etc., it was felt that an effort should be made by every member to attend meetings occasionally and so help the society continue its work. Matters which affected all in the trade were frequently under discussion and it was only by the support of as large a number as possible that those questions could effectively be dealt with.

Protests, continued the report, were sent to the Member for Thanet (Capt. H. H. Balfour), the Home Secretary and the Minister of Labour against the setting up of a Trade Board for the licensing trade and the Licensed Victuallers' Defence League now had the matter in hand.

The statement of accounts showed a balance at the bank of £157 2s., less unpresented cheques amounting to £20 9s. 6d.

One of the Strongest.

The treasurer (Mr. E. C. Nash) said the figures were very gratifying and when comparison was made with some of the inland towns the Thanet society could regard itself as being one of the strongest in the country.

The chairman (Mr. W. G. Love) said the society had passed through a strenuous year. The budget, bringing increased prices, had no doubt been detrimental to the trade for the time being, and when the war was over they would have to see to it that there was a speedy reduction in prices to enable licensees to carry on.

Mr. Love was re-elected chairman and Mr. H. Watford was appointed vice-chairman in succession to Mr. F. J. Paul.

Mr. Nash was re-elected treasurer and Mr. A. Finch secretary.

Members appointed to the committee were Messrs. M. Bateman, W. Cladingbold, F. Perry, N. Venner, H. A. Bodington and F. J. Paul (Ramsgate), F. Dougherty and T. Storey (Margate), W. Hollingsworth and A. Gibson (Broadstairs) and A. J. Player (Minster).

Messrs. T. W. Cox, A. F. Wrightson and F. Lawrence were appointed trustees and Messrs. M. Bateman and W. Cladingbold auditors.

In recognition of his work during the past 12 months it was decided to make the secretary an honorarium of £50.

On the suggestion of Mr. Nash an amendment to rule that members should pay their subscriptions during the first three months of the year was agreed to.

DEATH OF DR. R. C. WOOLLS

The funeral took place at Margate Cemetery on Tuesday of Dr. Richard Curzon Woolls, son of the late Mr. V. J. Woolls and Mrs. Woolls, of Margate, who passed away at the London Hospital at the age of 29 years.

Dr. Woolls qualified as a physician only 18 months previously.

Born at Margate, Dr. Woolls attended Cambridge House School and later Sir Roger Manwood's School, Sandwich. For several years he worked in his father's business in Margate. He studied medicine at the London Hospital and qualified as a doctor in July, 1941. For a time he served on the staff of Poplar Hospital and in May last year took a practice at Blackheath.

The interment was preceded by Requiem Mass at the Church of SS. Austin and Gregory, conducted by the Rev. Father Aelred Waterhouse.

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1. **COAL** (other than those grades specified in 2 and 3 below).

Supplies to any controlled premises may not without licence from the Local Fuel Overseer exceed **15 cwt.** during the three months, and no supplies may be acquired at any premises while the stock exceeds **10 cwt.**

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Supplies to any controlled premises of fuels in this group may not without licence exceed in all **10 cwt. in each month,** and no supplies may be acquired at any premises while the total stock of such fuels exceeds **10 cwt.**

3 **COKE of sizes exceeding 1in., and Anthracite and Welsh dry steam coal of sizes exceeding 1½in.**

Supplies to any controlled premises of fuels in this group may not without licence exceed in all **one ton in each month** and no supplies may be acquired at any premises while the total stock of such fuels exceeds **one ton.**

Except under a licence from the Local Fuel Overseer it is an offence against the Defence Regulations to exceed these quantities, or to acquire these fuels from anyone other than the licensed merchant or coke producer with whom the premises have been duly registered.

Consumers are reminded that the above quantities are maximum quantities and not rations to which they are entitled. The quantity that can be delivered to any premises will depend on the state of local supply, and is everywhere subject to priority being given to consumers without stocking facilities.

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R. D. Brimmell, Clarendon House, Ramsgate.	P. T. Grove, Royal School, Victoria Road, Margate.	Fred A. Cloke, St. Albans Court, Nonington, Nr. Dover.	S. W. Richardson, 134 High Street, Broadstairs.

Height of Folly

SECONDARY SCHOOLS NOT YET TO RETURN

The view that it would be the "height of folly" to permit secondary schools to return to Kent coastal areas was expressed by the chairman, Alderman W. R. Nottidge, at a meeting of the Kent Education Committee last week.

The chairman was replying to a request for information from Alderman W. C. Redman, of Margate, on the subject of the return of the schools.

There was a great demand in coastal areas for the return of the schools, said Alderman Redman, and he had heard talk of a memorial being presented to the committee.

The demand might not be so insistent, added Alderman Redman, following the events of the previous week.

Alderman Nottidge said on the occasions when the committee had considered the matter they had always expressed determination to revise their opinion from time to time. Since the matter was last before the committee they had again carefully considered the situation and had done their best to get what information they could from local people and from the Board of Education.

"We have come very reluctantly to the conclusion," went on the chairman, "that the situation at the present time would not justify our re-opening the secondary schools on the coast. We feel there is nothing at the moment to justify us doing so. We have every sympathy for the parents, but any change in our decision at the moment would be the height of folly. If we could find a prophet who could tell us what the war situation is going to be we might be able to act, but at the moment we cannot alter our decision."

IN THE WAKE OF THE RAIDERS

SOUTH EAST COAST TOWNS BOMBED

THREE PEOPLE LOSE THEIR LIVES

A residential area on the south-east coast was again visited by German raiders early on Tuesday morning.

Two women and a 17-year-old youth were killed and others injured when enemy planes carried out a hit-and-run attack which resulted in severe damage to the centre of an extensive Council housing estate in the larger of two adjoining towns.

The women, Mrs. Louisa Rouse, aged 62, and Miss Christina Hiscoe, aged 53, were living in two of the Council houses against which a bomb burst, apparently after rebounding from the roadway. They were killed instantly and their bodies were shortly afterwards recovered from the wreckage of the buildings.

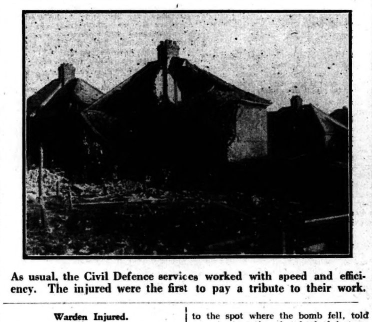
Altogether four houses were demolished or partially wrecked at this spot and damage extended over a wide area.

In the adjacent town a bomb was dropped in the grounds of an evacuated children's convalescent home. Terrible injuries were sustained by Samuel Glover, aged 17, a junior gardener, who was taken to hospital, where he died a few hours later.

Although a number of houses were damaged and debris strewn over a wide area when bombs were dropped on a south-east coast town on Tuesday, the casualty list was light.

Very quickly after the attack rescue squads and other Civil Defence workers were on the scene at the housing estate and set about the task of attending to the needs of those whose homes had been shattered. Where the four houses once stood was a pile of rubble and splintered woodwork, windows for a good distance all round were broken, brickwork scarred with bomb fragments and tiles torn from roofs.

Dozens of concrete posts forming the supports of garden fencing had been blown away, leaving only their stumps protruding from the ground and at the rear of one house could be seen the remains of rabbit hutches, their former occupants lying dead among the bricks and mortar.



As usual, the Civil Defence services worked with speed and efficiency. The injured were the first to pay a tribute to their work.

Warden Injured.

Severe injuries were received by a chief air raid warden, Mr. Edward Hougham, aged 42, who was walking from the front door to the side of his home when a bomb burst on the opposite side of the road. He was taken to hospital with a broken thigh, lacerated hands and burns.

Mrs. Florence Osborne, aged 30, who suffered bruises and shock, and Mrs. Louise Pennells, aged 42, were also removed to hospital, while Miss Jean Perkins (21), who was slightly injured, was allowed to return home after treatment.

Mrs. Osborne was standing in her back garden at the time of the raid and her two hildren, who were in the house, escaped unhurt.

Many people experienced amazing escapes, among them Mrs. A. J. Belsey. She was inside her home when she heard the raider roaring low over the housetops and thinking it was going to crash, ran through the back entrance. As she reached the garden the bomb burst and Mrs. Belsey instinctively dodged into the shelter of the doorway. The rear part of the house collapsed but fortunately for her the swaying door took the weight of the crashing wall and shielded her from the shower of bricks and mortar. One piece of the brickwork did strike her head but she was able to crawl to safety through the pile of debris.

Lying in the front room of Mrs. Belsey's home was her husband's 87-year-old grandmother, Mrs. Solly. The ceiling fell on her but she escaped with shock, and Mr. J. Lewis, with helpers, took her to a neighbour's house.

Breakfast Interrupted.

Mr. P. Jones, whose house was close to the spot where the bomb fell, told our representative that he had just returned from work and was sitting down to breakfast with his wife and three children. They heard the plane overhead and, shortly afterwards, a terrific crash. The ceiling of the room in which they were sitting fell in but they all emerged uninjured.

A similar experience was that of their next-door neighbour, Mrs. G. Jones, one of whose sons, Pte. Idris P. Jones, is a prisoner of war.

So great was the force of the explosion that a kerbstone was hurled through the wall of a house on the opposite side of the road.

People in the district were full of praise for the Civil Defence workers and one man described them as "a real credit to the town." The presence of a Salvation Army mobile canteen was a great help to the workers.

In the grounds of the convalescent home in the adjacent town, where Mr. Glover was killed, the head gardener, Mr. T. C. Fletcher, was about 40 yards from where the bomb landed. He was blown to the ground but escaped injury and immediately went to the aid of Glover. The lad spoke to him and then lapsed into unconsciousness.

The youth was a well-known member of the local lodge of Good Templars and his father, Mr. E. J. Glover, a prominent Methodist, lost his wife just a year ago.

Blast damaged the gardener's cottage and windows of the home and nearby houses were broken.

In the same town another bomb fell in the front gardens of two semi-detached houses. One of them was severely damaged, while ceilings fell and windows shattered in others. The bomb caused a huge crater.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gardener were about to have breakfast in the front room of one of the houses when it fell. Receiving injuries to the face and head, they were treated at a first-aid post.

Slight Injuries.

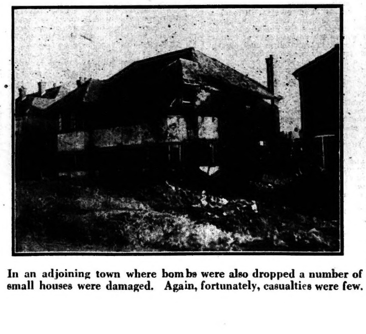
Among others slightly injured was Mr. W. G. F. Clarke, who ran into the hall of his home when he saw the plane approaching from the rear at a low height. As the bomb burst, Mr. Clarke was cut about the face but he rushed upstairs to his wife and found that the ceiling of the bedroom had collapsed on her. She received slight cuts.

Within two hours first-aid repairs were being carried out at the damaged houses.

Miss F. Reeves was walking to her work at a photographer's premises when she heard the whistle of a bomb. Looking up, she saw it falling and flung herself into the gutter.

A licensee, whose premises are about half-way between the two towns attacked, declared that the plane was so low that he could have thrown a tennis ball at it. The machine, he said, skimmed the roof of a railway station.

No damage was caused by another bomb which landed in a field.



In an adjoining town where bombs were also dropped a number of small houses were damaged. Again, fortunately, casualties were few.

THANK YOU

Mr. and Mrs. A. Belsey and Mrs. Solly wish to extend their grateful thanks to neighbours and friends and to the Civil Defence services and the Salvation Army for their prompt assistance in connection with a recent raid.

Ramsgate Woman's Will

HIGH COURT DISPUTE

In the Probate Court on Wednesday the President had before him an action concerning the will of the late Mrs. Sarah Alice Warren, a widow, formerly of Ivanhoe, Margate-road, Ramsgate, who died at Ethelbert-road, Canterbury, on 11th February, 1941, leaving an estate valued at about £5,000.

The plaintiff was Miss Grace Violet Andrews, a sister of the testatrix, who propounded a will of 15th September, 1940, under which she was sole legatee.

The defendants were Messrs. William Elmhurst and William Cooper, who propounded a will of 13th August, 1938, of which they were the executors. They alleged that the later will was not duly executed and alternatively that the words contained in it, "This revokes all previous wills," were not words of revocation.

Mr. H. D. Baskerville, for the defendants, said their case was that the later document was most suspicious on the face of it. Their innuendo was that the revocation clause was added after the execution of the will.

Mr. Victor Williams, for the plaintiff, said his client and Mrs. Warren lived together at Ramsgate until their house was bombed. They then moved to Canterbury, where Mrs. Warren died. She was 68 years of age. She was anxious that her sister should be provided for and with that object in view she made the will at Canterbury in 1940.

Evidence was called in support of the plaintiff's case.

Mr. Gabriel Hews, of Ethelbert-road, Canterbury, said Mrs. Warren and Miss Andrews lived in his house at Canterbury after they left Ramsgate. He was a witness to the later will. The words "This revokes all previous wills" were written in the will before it was signed by Mrs. Warren. She often said she wished to alter her previous will in order to provide for her sister.

Mrs. Edith M. Cowan, the other attesting witness to the will, also gave evidence. Witness mentioned that a raid warning was in progress during the signing of the will.

When the case was resumed on Thursday, Mr. Baskerville, for defendants, said the first defendant gained nothing under the early will and the second defendant only legacies for his children. The defendants were now satisfied that the second will was properly executed and did not further contest the case.

The Judge said it was quite impossible to say the will was not properly executed. He pronounced for the will of 1940, each party to pay their own costs.

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK LTD.

In a statement circulated to shareholders of the National Provincial Bank Ltd. the chairman (Mr. Colin F. Campbell) says that by the spring the staff of the bank will be reduced to 85 per cent. of its pre-war figure notwithstanding the fact that over 3,700 of pre-war trained staff, or 56 per cent. of the strength at the outbreak of war, have already or shortly will be released to the forces or industry.

Despite depleted numbers and the exigencies of war, the high standard of efficiency to which the public is accustomed has been fully maintained and the work of the bank has been carried on with a spirit of the utmost goodwill. The accounts show an expansion in deposits to £473,000,000. Cash stands at £51,175,000, being 10·8 per cent. of the deposit liabilities. Nearly the whole of the £30,303,000 holding of Bills Discounted consists of those issued by the Treasury. Another large lending to the Government consists of £111,000,000. Treasury deposit receipts, investments, the bulk being British Government securities, redeemable within a relatively short period, amount to £144,000,000.

The net profit is £1,132,018, representing an increase on the previous year. After payment of dividends at the rate of 15 per cent. per annum and allocations of £100,000 to Bank Premises Account, £150,000 to Pensions Fund and £150,000 to War Contingencies Fund, the amount left to be carried forward is £564,175.

MR. AND MRS. G. S. DANTON

ST. PETER'S GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. George Stephen Danton, of 4 Livingstone-road, St. Peter's, in which village they have resided for the past 42 years, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Tuesday.

Engaged in the sea collier traffic in his early days, Mr. Danton was skipper of the collier Invicta. Later he joined the crew of the Margate lifeboat and in December, 1897, was at sea for five days assisting the ss. Admiral Aube, which had run aground on the Sunk Sands but was successful refloated.

Mr. Danton married Miss Annie Louisa Winch, of Margate, at St. John's Church, Margate, on 2nd February, 1893, and eight years later, when he retired from the sea, they went to live at St. Peter's. For 35 years Mr. Danton was on the outdoor staff of the Broadstairs Council, being in charge of the disinfection plant of the sanitary department, and during that time he was never absent through illness. He retired in April, 1937.

An enthusiastic horticulturalist, Mr. Danton is also keenly interested in the work of friendly societies and for over 50 years has been a member of the Alexandra Lodge (Margate) of the M.U.I.O.O.F. One of the founder members of the first benefit and share-out club formed at the Albion Inn, St. Peter's, he was for many years secretary of the Red Lion Benefit Club, which was disbanded in 1940.

Mr. and Mrs. Danton have one daughter, Mrs. H. Gilham, who is the wife of the secretary of the Broadstairs branch of the National Deposit Friendly Society. In 1914 they lost their only son at the age of 16.

FUNERAL OF DR. WATTS

The funeral took place at St. Peter's on Thursday of Dr. A. M. Watts, of Pierremont-avenue, Broadstairs, whose death was announced in our last issue.

The interment was preceded by a service in the church conducted by the Rector of Broadstairs (the Rev. C. H. Bailey).

The chief mourners were the widow, Mrs. Poulton, Mr. Berkeley Nelson and Mr. Herbert Nelson.

Among those present at the church and graveside were Councillors B. J. Pearson (Chairman), H. Noble (vice-chairman), F. Foster and H. Bing (representing Broadstairs Council), Councillors A. C. Parker (Chairman), C. S. James (vice-chairman) and E. R. Metcalf (representing Herne Bay Council), Councillor W. Hoskins (representing Bridge-Blean Rural District Council), Mr. E. F. Owen (Clerk to Broadstairs Council), Mr. F. H. Ward (assistant clerk), Mr. S. W. Richardson (Surveyor), Mr. W. F. J. Nicholson (assistant surveyor), Mr. S. A. Gifford (Treasurer) and Mr. F. S. Burrow (Sanitary Inspector), Mr. A. G. Edwards (Clerk to Herne Bay Council), Mr. C. J. Clark (Senior Sanitary Inspector) and Mr. H. R. Norris (ex-senior sanitary inspector), Dr. G. L. Brocklehurst (Medical Officer of Health to Margate Council, representing the Council of the British Medical Association), Surg.-Lt.-Cdr. B. H. Palmer (representing the East Kent Division of the B.M.A.), Dr. R. Riley, Mr. C. M. Oxley, Dr. J. C. McNaught, Col. J. W. Grant and Miss K. Acock (formerly assistant matron of Thanet Isolation Hospital).

The service included the singing of the 23rd Psalm and Handel's Largo was played as the cortege left the church.

Mr. Bailey also officiated at the graveside.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. W. P. Blackburn and Son, of York-street, Broadstairs.

IF YOUR BREATH HAS A SMELL YOU CAN'T FEEL WELL

Unless 2 pints of bile juice flow from your liver into your bowels every day, your movements get hard and constipated and your food decays unnaturally in your 28 feet of bowels. This decay sends poison all over your body every six minutes. It makes you gloomy, grouchy and no good for anything.

Your friends smell this decay coming out of your mouth and call it bad breath. Laxatives and mouth washes help a little, but you must get at the cause. Take Carters Little Liver Pills. They get those 2 pints of bile flowing freely and then you feel on the "up and up." Ask for Carters Little Liver Pills and get what you ask for. 1/5 and 3/5.

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JACKASS MAIL

WALLACE BEERY AT KING'S

The history of the United States mail is faithfully recounted in Wallace Beery's new picture, "Jackass Mail," chief feature at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

The Jackass Mail spanned the gap between the pony express and the arrival of the railway in the great south-west. Marjorie Main plays the owner of a spur line of the mail and Beery has the part of "Just" Baggot, a rascally, lovable bad man who intends to rob the mail but ends up saving it from outlaws and marrying the driver. Also being shown is "Nevada City," a musical western featuring Roy Rogers and George Hayes.

Out of the thrill-teeming pages of a mighty novel, immortal Jack London's brawling, lusty, hot-blooded masterpiece, comes "Adventures of Martin Eden," which heads the bill for the latter part of the week. It is the story of an indomitable spirit no man's fists could conquer and no woman's heart could tame. From Tahiti to Singapore, from Frisco to Cadiz, Martin Eden beat his way with bare knuckles and matchless courage to win a world of magnificence and grandeur. Glenn Ford is seen in the title role, that of a two-fisted seaman fighting for his beliefs, and other principals are Claire Trevor, Evelyn Keyes and Stuart Erwin. The supporting feature will be the latest hilarious Blondie comedy, "The Boss Said No," starring Penny Singleton, Arthur Lake and Larry Simms.

TAKING WHAT WE CAN GET

Steel works are working full blast turning out war weapons. Basic slag—imported by-product of that industry—is available to farmers in greater quantities than ever. We must not use it on grassland, so these increased supplies will benefit our vastly greater tillage area. We generally look on superphosphate as the most suitable phosphatic fertiliser for spring sowing; but we can't produce enough to meet our immense war needs. In many cases we shall have to use basic slag instead.

Some farmers may be a bit dubious about basic slag, thinking it too slow acting. It often acted slowly on grassland. Why? Because it first had to get through a thick mat of poor, decaying herbage that would respond but slowly to any kind of manuring. With arable it is quite different. The slag goes right into the seed bed, being intimately mixed with well aerated and more active soil. Arable crops are better able to utilise and, therefore, respond more quickly to slag phosphate. It can be applied to the final ploughing several months before seeding, without risk of loss. The advantage is that the phosphates dissolve and can be more easily taken up by the crop when growth begins.

When you can't get supers for root crops, slag is an ideal substitute, provided you apply enough nitrogen. With a shorter growing season, sugar beet, potatoes and flax do better with quick acting phosphates—supers and complete fertilisers. But experiments have proved that slag well worked into the land a week or two before sowing gives yields not much inferior to supers. The necessary nitrogen and potash can be applied at the usual time, so spreading out the spring work.

"...and the LIGHTS will come back"

Have you ever thought that kiddies are growing up who have never seen a lighted street lamp? It is a strange world that children are living in to-day, and yet they are thriving.

'Milk of Magnesia' has done a good job in helping to keep the health standard of children high by correcting minor upsets of the digestion, so important in the 'growing-up' period.

By helping to safeguard our children, 'Milk of Magnesia' is assisting in building the sound health of the men and women of to-morrow.

'MILK OF MAGNESIA'

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25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

The official announcement in Lord French's report on Tuesday that raiding aeroplanes which crossed the Kent coast on Monday night dropped bombs in the Isle of Thanet intimated to the general newspaper reader that Thanet had again suffered. As a matter of fact the damage created was purely material, was not extensive and was confined entirely to private premises. By another stroke of fortune no one was injured in an area where nine or 12 bombs were dropped haphazard. The back wing of a well-known pastor's home was wrecked and another bomb fell on a greenhouse in the garden of the residence of an elementary school headmaster.

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Capt. Stanley Honeyman, R.A.M.C., formerly of Ramsgate General Hospital, writes from sea that he is on his way to India. He has been in France for about two and a half years and is now off to the East with reinforcements.

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Dr. T. Haigh, the popular organist of St. George's Church, Ramsgate, left on Wednesday on an examining tour for the Associated Board of the Royal College and the Royal Academy of Music. The tour will embrace the chief cities of Europe and he will not return to Ramsgate until some time in March.

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L/Cpl. W. A. Packer, London Regiment, of Ramsgate, is reported wounded in action.

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Gnr. L. W. Brockman, R.F.A., a member of the Thanet Advertiser staff, writes that he is "in the pink." During the year that he has been in the Army he has seen service in France and Italy.

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A signalman in the R.G.A., Gnr. McDonald, a former pupil of Lillian-road School, Ramsgate, has been recommended for the French Military Medal in recognition of his gallantry in mending telephone lines under heavy fire and bringing in French wounded under heavy shell-fire.

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Pte. F. Holmans, of The Buffs, has died in the Herne Bay Military College. He was a well-known Birchington athlete and a member of the local fire brigade.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

RAILWAY COMPETITION

We are gratified to know that trade enterprise is not yet dead in Ramsgate. The increased railway rates have put traders, not only here but in other towns, on their best metal; and the consequence is that combinations have been and are being formed which are calculated to make the railway people "sit up." During the present week there has been formed a company, composed of Ramsgate traders and barge owners, who have a good line of barges ready to sail between Ramsgate and London at very short notice. A guarantee of punctuality is also given, which is a most important consideration in connection with a service of barges, and could only be carried out by an influential company such as the one referred to appears to be. For a place with such natural facilities as water freightage it is really pleasing to find that something is at last to be done to develop the trade of the place. Alternatively, too, we have two steamboat companies in the field and should they act up to the promises they have made they will no doubt receive adequate support from local traders. There is the Kent Coast Steam Navigation Co., which we noticed on its formation a week or two since. The promoters say they are now prepared to start operations and if so we shall be pleased to see their vessels trading in Kentish waters. Further, a Dover company have indicated their willingness to allow steamers trading between that port and London to call at Ramsgate with goods en route, and the arrangement appears to be a capital one for local traders.

RAMSGATE PRISONERS OF WAR

For the past two years the Mayor and Mayoress of Ramsgate (Alderman and Mrs. A. B. C. Kempe) have at Christmastime sent gifts of cigarettes to Ramsgate boys who have the misfortune to be prisoners of war.

This good work must continue and a Local Prisoners of War flag day, organised by the Mayor's Services Comforts Fund, is to be held in Ramsgate on Saturday, 13th February. It is hoped from the proceeds to send a parcel to each of the Ramsgate lads.

As a result of the Christmas gifts sent last year the Mayor and Mayoress have received many messages of thanks.

"Please accept the compliments of the season, both for yourself and all at Ramsgate," wrote Spr. James Rose. "Hoping to be with you again soon. We are all keeping our peckers up out here."

Desert Ceremony

LT. MORGAN DECORATED BY GEN. MONTGOMERY

The outstanding deeds of officers and men of a battalion of The Buffs was recognised by Gen. Montgomery, C.-in-C., Eighth Army, when he personally presented awards in a moving desert ceremony recently.

The presentation took place on a raw, dull morning. The nip in the air was as keen as it is in December on Dover's cliffs—in the homeland of The Buffs.

About 50 of the men were there to see their comrades decorated. Very straight and very proud, they stood to hear a staff officer read out the accounts of how the awards had been won.

Among those decorated were the "Fighting Padre," Lt. the Rev. Charles Potts, who saved the lives of three wounded men in full view of the enemy. He helped to run a settlement for boys in London's dockland before the war.

Lt. R. J. S. Morgan, of Ramsgate, also received the M.C. He was directly responsible for the destruction of the crews of two 88-m.m. anti-tank guns.

Sgt. W. Knight, of Portsmouth, who drove his vehicle at a line of enemy tanks and ran towards them when his engine stalled, was present, so was Pte. A. Cordell, of Islington, London, awarded the M.M. for extracting his commander from a carrier, over 200 yards under fire through a minefield gap.

The intrepid Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. G. H. G. Smith-Dorrien, received his D.S.O. It was he who cleared a way for our tanks advancing on Matruh on 7th November.

History has repeated itself in the case of The Buffs. Formerly they were named "The Resurrectionists" in acknowledgment of the remarkably short time in which the regiment was reformed and fighting again after being almost annihilated by the Polish Lancers at the Battle of Albuhera in 1811.

One battalion of the regiment was badly cut up at Tmimi on 18th December, 1941, but, as the awards prove, has staged a "come back" comparable with the feat of its predecessors in the Peninsular War.

It takes great courage to go and fight in the open on the ground where even heavy tanks are taking punishment. The Buffs do this every time they go into battle. Fearlessly the little "Floating Punches" take up their positions in front of the tanks and open fire with their machine-guns.

The six awards just won by this battalion of The Buffs make an auspicious opening to this fresh chapter in the history of a very great regiment.

DR. KILDARE AGAIN

LIONEL BARRYMORE AT ODEON

A double-feature programme is being presented at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

Based on the devilry and romance of post-Civil War days in the Lone Star State, "Men of Destiny" features Robert Stack and Brod Crawford. Stack portrays the Chicago newspaper reporter assigned to cover disturbances in the teeming south-west, Crawford as a masquerading bandit, and Jackie Cooper as the innocent victim of the renegade's bullet. The second feature, "The Doctor and the Debutante," starring Lew Ayres and Lionel Barrymore, is a new Dr. Kildare adventure. The picture deals with a beautiful debutante, played by Ann Ayars, whose life is saved by an operation, and the drama is well relieved by touches of comedy.

Ilona Massey and Jon Hall have the chief roles in "Invisible Agent," which heads the bill for the latter part of the week. This time the invisible man should be called the invisible commando, for he is doing the very things everyone would enjoy doing more than anything else—invading the inner chambers of the enemy high command, learning their secrets, and spreading fear and dismay where these elements do the most good. Supporting cast includes such notable names as Peter Lorre and Sir Cedric Hardwicke. "Tough as They Come," with the Little Tough Guys, will also be shown.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The number of children on the roll of elementary schools in Ramsgate is steadily mounting and has now reached 1,712.

During December, when the average of the roll was 1,647, the average attendance was 1,492, giving a percentage of 90·6.

Christ Church Junior Infants headed the list with a percentage of 94·4.

Other percentages were: St. George's 93·5, Ellington Infants 93·1, Dame Janet Juniors 92·7, St. Lawrence Junior Girls 92·3, St. Lawrence Junior Boys 91·5, St. Luke's Junior and Infants 91·0, St. Augustine's Senior, Junior and Infants 90·5, Dame Janet Infants 90·3, Hereson Seniors 89·7, Ellington Seniors 89·4, Holy Trinity 87·3 and Hereson Infants 82·8.

FOOD FACTS

Extra EGGS & MILK!

Lots of things are new in this war. We've learnt to make omelets without breaking eggs. We've discovered that Household Milk is a great help when liquid milk is short.

We must make use of these dried foods because they save millions of tons of shipping. And remember, they've grand food value. Each package of Dried Egg equals 12 shell eggs, yet costs only 1/9d. Each tin of Household Milk makes four pints of milk — milk with all the goodness except the fat — at 9d. a tin. Until the next Ration Period starts on February 7th, you can buy Household Milk from any shop that has spare stock. Household Milk and Dried Egg help to keep you fighting fit through the winter months.

HOW TO MAKE HOUSEHOLD MILK

Pour 1 pint of warm water into a wide-necked jug. Take 5 level tablespoonfuls of milk powder and sprinkle a little on top of the water, stir briskly with a fork until dissolved.

Continue stirring, adding remainder of powder slowly.

HOW TO MIX DRIED EGG

1. To turn a dried egg into a fresh one, mix 1 level tablespoonful of the powder with 2 tablespoonfuls of water. This mixture equals 1 fresh egg.
2. Now treat the egg as you would a fresh one.
3. Don't make up more egg than is necessary.

HOW MUCH DRIED EGG CAN I BUY?

Each new share-out (at present every 8 weeks) entitles you to one package of Dried Egg per Ration Book — 2 packages for children holding green Ration Books (R.B.2). Until the beginning of the next share-out on February 7th you can buy extra packages, provided you go to the retailer where you are registered for shell eggs. If you are not registered for shell eggs you can still get Dried Egg. Just take your Ration Book to any retailer who has Dried Egg in stock.

MILKY PUDDINGS FOR THE CHILDREN

Of course, you've seen the words 'Unfit for Babies' on the tin of Household Milk. But this only means it is unsuitable for bottle-fed babies. Household Milk is good as an extra for children. It contains the calcium and protein so necessary for them. But take care they drink up all their fresh milk as well.

LISTEN TO THE KITCHEN FRONT EVERY MORNING AT 8.15

THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, LONDON, W.1. FOOD FACTS No. 134A

Fuel Watchers

The Fuel Watcher's Official Badge

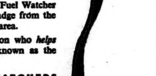
In response to a request made by the Minister of Fuel and Power, Fuel Watchers, distinguished by this official badge, are on duty in thousands of factories and industrial concerns. The scheme is now being extended to non-industrial concerns such as Hotels, Clubs, Hospitals, Restaurants, Schools, Offices, Shops, Cinemas, etc.

A number of establishments of this kind are being invited to appoint a Fuel Watcher and to apply for an official badge from the Regional Coal Officer for their area.

The Fuel Watcher is a person who *helps* Fuel-savers in the campaign known as the "Battle for Fuel."

HINTS FOR FUEL WATCHERS

See that no unnecessary fires or lights are burning.
Keep a weekly record of consumption.
Place firebricks in open fires, and lag pipes and tanks.
Guard against open doors and draughts.
Avoid using electricity unnecessarily in the Peak Period (8 a.m. to 1 p.m.).



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MINSTER.

Funeral of Miss E. Tanfield.—The funeral took place at Minster Cemetery on Wednesday of Miss Emily Tanfield, of the Bungalow, Augustine-road, who died the previous Monday after a short illness. Seventy-three years of age, Miss Tanfield had resided in the village for 25 years and three years ago retired from her work at Minster Laundry. The committal service was conducted by the superintendent Methodist Minister (the Rev. D. Llewellyn Williams) and the chief mourners were Mrs. S. Love (sister), Mr. and Mrs. J. White (nephew and niece), Mr. J. White (nephew) and Mr. L. White.

Wedding.—"The white cliffs of Dover" was played on the organ as a newly-married couple left Minster Parish Church last week. The wedding was between Ldg./Tel. Kenneth Pitchforth, R.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Pitchforth, of Wakefield, Yorks, and Miss Ethel Mary (Molly) Sedgwick, W.R.N.S., daughter of the late Mr. W. M. Sedgwick and Mrs. E. M. Best, of Hampton-villa, Minster. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. M. A. Sedgwick, Miss Joan M. Bean, W.R.N.S., was bridesmaid, and the Vicar (Canon A. W. MacMichael) conducted the service. The organ was played by Mr. L. Chandler and the choir led the singing of three hymns. The bride and groom are serving at the same base and as they left the church a guard of honour was formed by some of their colleagues. Twenty-four guests were present at the reception, held at the home of the bride, who has five brothers serving in the armed forces. The honeymoon is being spent at Paddock Wood, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells.

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BROADSTAIRS

Temporary Clerk.—Mr. E. J. Glover has been appointed temporary clerk in the Treasurer's Department of Broadstairs Council at a salary of £3 10s. a week.

Travel Association.—Broadstairs Council have decided to make provision in their estimates for the financial year 1943-44 for the payment of the sum of ten guineas to the funds of the Travel and Industrial Development Association.

Drop in Savings.—A total of £832 was invested in war savings in Broadstairs and St. Peter's during the week ended 23rd January—a drop of £344 on the previous week. The amount comprised savings certificates £375 and deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank £457.

Assistant Entertainments Manager.—Broadstairs Council have decided to make a payment at the rate of £50 per annum to the Deputy Treasurer (Mr. L. T. Shaw) for carrying out the duties of Acting Entertainments Manager outside office hours.

War Wage Increases.—In order that they shall receive the war wage increases in accordance with the Joint Industrial Council rates, the head gardener, lavatory attendants, special constable, acting harbour master, road foreman, caretaker at Pierremont Hall, waterworks foreman and golf club groundsmen employed by Broadstairs Council are to be treated as manual employees.

R.N.O.C.A. Whist.—Miss Lawrence distributed the prizes and Mr. E. V. Thirkettle was M.C. at the weekly whist drive of the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association, held at the Clarendon Hotel last week. The winners included Mrs. Admans, Ptes. Gloom and Tetteron, Sgt. Jones, Mr. Lawrence, Miss Lawrence and Mrs. Whitehead.

Local Government Re-organisation.—Broadstairs Council have appointed the Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) and Councillors H. Bing, F. Foster and B. Humphrey to attend a meeting of the representatives of the three Thanet towns to consider problems which are common to them all in relation to the re-organisation of local government. The representatives have no power to pledge the Council on points raised at the conference.

Funeral of Mr. H. J. Gully.—The funeral took place at St. Peter's, on Wednesday, of Mr. Harry James Gully, a former member of North Foreland Golf Club, who died at his London home, 54 Holland Park, W.11, the previous Friday. Mr. Gully, who was 71 years of age, was a frequent visitor to St. Peter's until 1938, when he came to live at Sunnyside, Reading Street. He left the district in 1940. The interment was preceded by a service at St. Andrew's Church, conducted by the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith (priest-in-charge of St. Peter's), who also officiated at the graveside.

Sound Finances.—Offertories at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, during the past 12 months have shown a rise of about £5 over the preceding year. A sound financial position was reported at a meeting of the Parochial Church Council last week. It was stated that this was partly due to the loyal support given by people evacuated from the town. The Rector (the Rev. C. H. Bailey) spoke of the loss the church had sustained by the death of Mr. S. Nash and the members of the council stood in silence for a few moments as a tribute to his memory. It was decided to hold a social for the troops stationed in the district and the annual meeting of the church is to be held on 8th March.

Templars' Anniversary.—The 55th anniversary of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., was celebrated at Broadstairs last week. At a meeting of the lodge on Tuesday Mrs. G. Hunt, district treasurer, who presided, congratulated the members on continuing their meetings under difficult conditions with such splendid results. Messages were received from absent friends, including Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Sisley, who are charter members of the lodge. A brief intercession service was held and solos rendered by Mr. M. Hodgson. Mr. A. B. Impett, P.D.S.J.W., presented a comprehensive report and Mr. Stanley Board gave a stirring address on "The Gospel according to you." Mr. T. E. McCabe, C.T., thanked all who had assisted in the success of the gathering. The celebrations will continue on Sunday, when the members will attend a service at Queen's-road Baptist Church in the afternoon.

FOOD FRONT

BRITAIN'S HEALTHY CHILDREN

Time-Saving Recipes for Feeding Them

The mothers of Britain must look at their children with grateful, thankful hearts when they compare them with the pitiful, starved wrecks to which the little children of enemy-occupied countries have been reduced. Our children are bonny and healthy, and they can continue to be so if available foods are used properly.

Two foods which are particularly useful in helping to make up to full strength the daily requirements of the young are dried egg and dried milk.

Here are given some recipes in which the egg and the milk are incorporated with the rest of the ingredients without first being mixed with water. This is a great time-saver for the busy housewife.

Savoury Rissoles.

1½ lbs. of cooked mixed vegetables
4 level tablespoonsful of dried egg
4 ozs. of breadcrumbs
4 tablespoonsful of chopped parsley
Seasoning.
Browned breadcrumbs
2-3 tablespoonsful of dripping

Mix the vegetables, crumbs, parsley and dried egg. Season with pepper and salt, form into rissoles and roll in the crumbs. Melt the fat in a frying pan or baking tin, and fry or bake the rissoles until brown all over.

Steamed Pudding.

4 ozs. of flour
1½ ozs. of mashed potato
1½ ozs. of fat
2 ozs. of sugar
½ teaspoonful of baking powder
1 dessertspoonful of dried milk powder
1 level tablespoonful of dried egg
A little water
A little jam, syrup or dried fruit

Beat the fat, potato and sugar to a light, creamy mixture. Blend the flour, dried egg, dried milk, and baking powder very thoroughly then mix the flour, etc., into the fat, potato and sugar alternately with a little water, until the dough is soft and creamy. Grease a pudding basin and put in the fruit, jam or syrup, then the pudding mixture. Cover with a margarine paper and steam for 1½ hours. This mixture may also be baked in a well-greased cake-tin; the fruit is then mixed with the rest of the ingredients in the usual way.

Savoury Biscuits.

2 ozs. of flour
1 tablespoonful of dried milk
1 level tablespoonful of dried egg
3 ozs. of grated cheese
A pinch each of mustard, salt and pepper
A little water for mixing.

Mix all the dry ingredients together and add enough water to make a dry, smooth dough. Roll out, but in rounds and bake in a moderate oven for 20 minutes.

As a rule, children prefer these savoury little biscuits to sweet ones, but the mixture may be varied by doubling the quantity of flour, putting in 1½ ozs. of sugar instead of the cheese, and a drop or two of vanilla or almond flavouring or a pinch of ginger, instead of the condiments.

Two savoury biscuits sandwiches together with a little magagarine make a nourishing addition to the lunch basket.

POPULAR WEST CLIFF DANCES

Although the prices of admission to most entertainments have been increased since the war, there has been no increase for admission to the popular dances at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, at which music is supplied by Frederic Hargraves and his orchestra.

Following several requests, the Monday dances have been transferred to Fridays. Regular dances are now therefore held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (7-10 p.m.) and on Saturdays from 7 to 10.30 p.m.

The dances have been appreciated particularly by thousands of men and women of the services, who will retain happy memories of their stay in Ramsgate and, it is hoped, will return to the town as visitors when they get back to civvy street.

Fred Hargraves and his band will be broadcasting from a London studio on Wednesday, 17th February, from 11.30 p.m. until midnight.

RAMSGATE VARIETY CONCERT

Under the direction of Bdr. S. H. Bor, of the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra, a Coast Regiment concert party is presenting something new in entertainment at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, to-morrow evening.

Mr. C. F. Castle, well-known in Ramsgate for his character studies, has been invited as guest artiste, and camp-fire songs will be sung by the 5th Ramsgate Troop of Scouts.

The concert has been organised by Mr. F. J. Warden and the proceeds will help to promote scout work locally and assist the national fund for building a scout hostel in memory of the late Chief Scout, Lord Baden Powell.

Further particulars will be found in our publicity columns.

On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN AND WOMEN

Thanet is proud of its many sons who are taking their part in the glorious successes of the 1st and 8th Armies. Theirs is a hard task but it is gratifying to think that life has its lighter side for them and, judging by a letter from Q/M/S George M. Commerford, of the Royal Engineers, they contrived to enjoy the Christmas season in North Africa. Writing to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Commerford, at 49 Southwood-road, Ramsgate, George says he is absolutely A 1 and as cheerful and happy as possible "My only regret is that we don't get enough excitement," he goes on. "Christmas here was 'tres bon'—in fact the best we've had since I've been in the Army. We were very busy but found some time to enjoy ourselves well and truly. On Christmas night we had a small party and on Boxing night the W.O's and sergeants had their Christmas dinner. I can assure you we did it full justice, having had bully beef for dinner on Christmas Day. A small supply of English beer arrived just in time to join in the celebration. Everyone had a good time, although most of us finished up rather the worse for wear in the early hours of the morning. Songs from some of the lads and also from French officers were grand and even some of our soldier W.O's had to say it was 'one of the best mess parties they had ever attended. Many of the troops visited the homes of local people over the festive season. The French, Americans and our troops seem to get on very well together. Most of the talking to and by the French seems to be done with the hands, but it is usually understood."

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George's brother-in-law, O/S Stan Duffield, Fleet Air Arm, who until last summer was a member of the Kent County Constabulary stationed at Challock, has moved from the north of England to the south, where he is taking an intensive course. Stan was formerly a prominent member of the Ramsgate Sea Cadet Corps.

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The two sons of Alderman J. J. White, a member of Ramsgate Council, are experiencing highly successful careers in the Army. At the early age of 22 the younger son, Arnold, has reached the rank of major. Arnold gained an open scholarship for Reading University while at Sir Roger Manwood School, Sandwich, and had been at the university two years when war broke out. Having already reached the rank of quartermaster in the O.C.T.U., Arnold went into training with the reserve of Army officers and, as second-lieutenant, went to Egypt with the Royal Tank Corps in November, 1939. He was later transferred to the 7th (Queen's Own) Hussars and took part in the first Libyan campaign with them. Promoted to captain, he went to Burma in January last year, fought through that campaign, returned to India and was eventually posted to Iraq.

Brian, who is 32 and associated in peace-time with his father's drapery business, has been in the Royal Tank Corps two and a half years. Last week he received his promotion to the rank of captain, having received O.C.T.U. training before taking his commission. Brian was also educated at the Sir Roger Manwood School.

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P/O Charles Cassell, R.N., of 4 Chandos-terrace, Boundary-road, Ramsgate, is now home on a long leave after about three years at sea.

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Well-known as a former supervisor of a large Ramsgate store, Acwm. Elsie Smith, W.A.A.F., was on leave at her home, 5 Ethelbert-road, Ramsgate, last week. At her station in southern England Elsie, who is 30 years of age, is distinguishing herself as a musician. She plays the piano and accordeon in the band there and recently won first prize in a talent contest. Elsie has two married brothers serving in the forces. One of them, P/O George Smith, R.N., is serving in a destroyer. Joining the Navy at 18, he served for 12 years. He then retired from the sea, but as a member of the R.N.V.R. was recalled in August, 1939. George is now 35 years of age and his wife, who has two children, is at present working in Manchester. For health reasons, however, she expects shortly to return to Ramsgate. The other brother, Thomas, is a leading aircraftman in the R.A.F. and will be remembered as a member of the old Ramsgate Press Wanderers F.C. Thirty-three years of age, he has been on balloon barrage work but has now passed his tests as a lorry driver. He also has two children. His wife is working in a factory at Coventry. A sister, Esther, is the wife of Mr. Sydney Samuel Matthews, who is a member of the N.F.S. at Ramsgate. Mr. Matthews, who was a groundsman at Jackey Baker's Recreation Ground before the war, fought in France in the last war at the age of 17. Elsie, George, Thomas and Esther were all educated at Christ Church School. Their mother, Mrs. Smith, lost her husband in the last war.

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Pte. Esme Bean, of 7 Lillian-road, Ramsgate, has now been in the A.T.S. for 14 months. Nineteen years of age, she is working on predictors. Educated at St. George's Central School, Esme was employed, before joining up, as a cashier by Mr. E. Pettitt, of High-street.

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Some interesting and picturesque views of India arrived at his Bellevue-road, Ramsgate, home the other day from Acm. Fred Miller, R.A.F. Fred, whose photograph with two friends we published recently, tells of the severe monsoons he has experienced during his 12 months in India. Trees crashed each end of his billet but he escaped unhurt. An Old Ruymian, Fred is 35 years of age and his commnading officer was formerly a well-known sanitary inspector in the East Kent area. Fred has had a letter from his chum, Sgt. Les Solly, serving in the Middle East, in which he mentions Jimmy Cowell, Ted Hooker, Johnny Ives and Bert Burgess.

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A navigator in a Stirling bomber, Sgt. Jack Blackburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Blackburn, of 449 Margate-road, Ramsgate, was home on leave last week. He is 22 years of age and joined the R.A.F in June, 1940. Jack is an old boy of Chatham House School and his father is well-known as manager of the King's Theatre, Ramsgate.

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Standing on the jetty at a North African port, Cpl. Arthur Godden, R.A.S.C., of 3 Hengrove-cottages, Shottendane-road, Margate, watched a British destroyer steam in. It turned out to be the one in which his brother, Stkr. Steve Godden, was serving. Arthur was taken aboard, had dinner with his brother in the mess, and then spent three days ashore with him.

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Only daughter of Cpl. and Mrs. John Twyman, of Chez-Jean, Nash Court-gardens, Margate, Kathleen Twyman has joined the A.T.S. A former pupil of Garlinge School, she was popular as a child dancer and appeared at many charity concerts and hotels.

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Pte. W. R. A. Kennett, whose father, Mr. W. R. Kennett, of 23 Byron-avenue, Margate, is a sergeant in the Home Guard, has now joined the King's Regiment. His younger brother, Edward, a member of the Sea Cadets, hopes to join the Navy, and a married sister, Mrs. J. Stevens, has been working in a factory for three years. Her husband returned home in December after serving abroad in the Royal Navy.

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Goods news has come to 102 Milton-avenue, Margate. Gnr. Thomas William Lamberton, R.A., whose home it is and who was reported missing on 3rd December, is now known to be a prisoner of war. Married, with three daughters, Gnr. Lamberton joined up in November, 1939, previous to which he was employed as a labourer. He is 26 years of age and an old boy of St. John's School.

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From East London, South Africa, comes news of Francis John Cobb, younger son of Mrs. P. Cobb, of Berkeley Lodge, Margate, and the late Mr. F. C. Cobb. A member of the R.A.F.V.R., Francis, who is 19, is undergoing training as an observer. Capt. Francis David Cobb, R.A., his elder brother, has been in the Middle East for two years and is adjutant of a heavy anti-aircraft regiment.

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Among the artistes helping to entertain servicemen in Gibraltar is Acm. Maurice Black, R.A.F., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Black, of the Parade, Margate. As a saxophonist in an R.A.F. band he has, according to his letter, been playing in Nissen huts, on rocky outlets and on wooden stages that fall in. Maurice learnt to play the clarinet while at Chatham House School and later became a member of Fred Hargraves' band. Joining the R.A.F. in April last year, he went abroad in August.

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News has now been received that Capt. Robert Pinhey, husband of Mrs. Sylvia Pinhey, who is the youngest daughter of the late Dr. B. Thornton, of Margate, was taken prisoner in Singapore. Mrs. Pinhey escaped with her 11-year-old daughter and is safe in Perth, Western Australia. Capt. and Mrs. Pinhey went to Malaya from Brazil about six years ago.

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Among the Margate men serving with the R.A. in North Africa is Gnr. R. Pilcher, a son of Mr. and the late Mrs. A. Pilcher, of 22 Milton-avenue. One of his two brothers, Capt. G. Pilcher, has completed 24 years' service in the R.A.S.C., and the other, Gnr. Bill Pilcher, was formerly employed by a firm of brewers in Margate.

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Although not strictly connected with local service people, a little incident that occurred in Ramsgate a few evenings ago is worthy of note in our feature. A sailor called at Bellevue-road and asked to see "Blanche." On being introduced to the young lady he thanked her profusely for knitting a Balaclava helmet which had been such a comfort to him after being wounded in action. Miss Blanche Milgate knitted the helmet three years ago and attached to it a card of good wishes bearing her Christian name and address.

HOME GUARD HELP FOR PRISONERS

A sum of £1 12s. 6d. was raised for the Red Cross and St. John Prisoners of War Organisation as a result of a social and dance held by D (Ramsgate) Coy., 6th Battalion, Home Guard, at Willson's-road Drill Hall on Saturday.

Two eggs which were put up for auction realised 15s. and "pennies on the drum" brought in a further 17s. 6d.

Cpl. E. Sackett was M.C. and the success of the event was to a large extent due to the work of Sgt. W. Lawrence.

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thought of it—
read of it—
neglected his lessons
for it—
Watched it through the
classroom window.
and now
He'd got it . . .
His own Spitfire!
He had worked hard—
even studied . . .
listened with his eyes
popping, asked
questions, travelled to
Canada—to America
and back home just
to climb into that
cockpit . . .
and now it was his.
He had charged through
clouds with it—
in and out of the sun—
he had climbed
and looped in it—
and done the
victory roll . . .
more than once.
There were several
Messerschmitts and
Focke Wulfs that
would fight no more—
for he had under his
hand—the toughest . . .
the truest . . .
the nimblest . . .
Terror of the air . . .
His SPITFIRE!

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Every enemy plane he kills is a stroke for our freedom. *We owe him a great deal—more than we shall ever repay.* Our savings—which we merely lend — what are they compared with what he gives? . . . Don't measure your savings by what you can spare — think instead of what you OWE.

Issued by the National Savings Committee

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Whist Drives held every evening at Ramsgate, Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m., in aid of the Red Cross Fund. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Whist Drives every Thursday at 3 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternately. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

National Savings.—War savings in Ramsgate for the week ended 23rd January amounted to £3,473, comprising £2,392 deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank, £611 in savings certificates, £370 in defence bonds and £100 in 3 per cent. savings bonds.

You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold jewellery, silver plate, glass, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Deputy Mayor's Illness.—Ramsgate Education Committee on Wednesday decided to send to Alderman T. W. Mockridge, the Deputy Mayor, a letter expressing best wishes for his speedy recovery. Alderman Mockridge has been a patient at Ramsgate General Hospital since Sunday

CUTTING OUT THE SLICES

"Food Fact, One-three-four," just issued
By our own Ministry of Food
Implores that we, in place of bread,
Home-grown potatoes eat instead!

Well-balanced diets we must change,
Fixed appetites, too, disarrange!
May be our butter, jam, or paste
Upon some fritters could be placed;

Doubtless, 'twill go against the grain
If we've potato-basket pain!
Potato-winners home from toil
May from repeated spuds recoil!

Yet those of us inclined for sloth
Must banish aptitude to loaf
And whate'er our reputed status
Ought plant our gardens with potatoes!

For "Food Fact" says of ocean trips
"Never forget your bread costs ships,"
Though we recall, perchance with ire,
When wheat was used as fuel for fire!

So while spring-planting with the greens
Our Arrans, Sharpes or British Queens,
We'll be supplanting more and more
Begging our spuds from door to door!

W.R.T.

KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

W/Op.-Air/Gnr. Sgt. Alfred Longhurst, R.A.F., late of 22 Zion-place, Margate, has lost his life while on active service.

Educated at Holy Trinity School, Margate, Sgt. Longhurst was 22 years of age and volunteered for the R.A.F. three years ago.

BLACK-OUT TO-DAY FROM 6.20 p.m. TILL 8.7 a.m.

GET BASKET LOADS OF WINTER EGGS

Poultry-keepers! Karswood Poultry Spice (wonder egg-producer, containing ground insects) keeps birds laying eggs galore right through the Winter. Get 2½d., 7½d., 1/3 pkts. from Poultry Food Dealers, etc.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

The PREPAID charges for these announcements are 1d. per word (minimum: Births and Deaths 1/6, Marriages, Return Thanks and In Memoriam 2/6).

BIRTHS

Kirkaldie.—25th January, at 4 Kent-place, Ramsgate, to Rene, wife of Douglas Kirkaldie, a daughter (Elaine Janice).

Terry.—21st January, at 3 Hengrove-cottages, Margate, the wife of Frank Terry, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Goodall—Norman.—25th January, at All Saints' Church, Birchington, Bernard Harold Goodall, of Wanstead, to Margery Edith Norman, of Westgate-on-Sea.

Pitchforth—Sedgwick.—23rd January, at Minster Parish Church, Ldg./Tel. Kenneth Pitchforth, of Wakefield, to Molly Best, W.R.N.S., of Minster.

Whyte—Pettman.—23rd January, at St. Mary's Church, Reginald John Whyte, of Hitchin, to Sophie Elisabeth Pettman, formerly of Margate, now of Watford.

DEATHS

Ashby.—21st January, at 82 Kentwood-road, Nottingham, Eleanor Ashby, late of 78 Church-road, Ramsgate, aged 71 years.

Gully.—22nd January, at 54 Holland Park, W., Harry James Gully, also of Sunnyside, Reading Street, Broadstairs, aged 71 years.

Philpott.—27th January, at Margate General Hospital, Ellen Elizabeth Philpott, of 6 Dane-hill, Margate, aged 59 years.

Tanfield.—25th January, Emily Tanfield, of The Bungalow, Augustine-road, Minster.

Whitnall.—25th January, Alfred John Whitnall, of Reculvers-road, Westgate-on-Sea.

On Active Service

Stewart.—In January, 1943, killed on active service, Brig. Guy Stewart, Royal Engineers, very deeply-loved husband of Elaine (née Garengey) and darling elder son of the late R. B. Stewart, I.C.S., and of Mrs. Stewart, of Ramsgate and 26 Tower-road, Hereford.

IN MEMORIAM

Mirams.—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Sidney Thomas Mirams, who was called to rest on 7th February, 1940.—Never forgotten by his wife and son.
"God's greatest gift—remembrance."
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